

# MASKS AND WIGS GREAT

Performance Last Night Was Thoroughly Enjoyable.

ACADEMY WAS PACKED

What Girls Those Boys Do Make, to Be Sure, Was the Prevailing Idea Among the Masculine Auditors.

When the Mask and Wig Club last season presented "Old King Cole" at the Armory, most of those in the audience probably extended their patronage merely for the sake of aiding a good cause in attending a performance for "sweet charity's" sake. That performance, however, so far surpassed all expectations, that the town was talking about it for a week afterward. Therefore, the second appearance here of the organization, which occurred at the Academy last night, was in the nature of an event, and the playhouse would have been crowded, even if charity had not made an appeal.

As it was, no more brilliant audience has probably assembled at the Academy this season than that which greeted the Mask and Wig Club last night when it presented "Sir Robin Hood Crusoe."

The presentation, as are all of those of this organization, was splendidly staged, and the chorus worked with as much precision as that of a road company just ending a long season. What girls those boys do make. One would almost forget their sex were it not for those deep voices. When they open their mouths they spoil the effect, and the man in the front row laughs at himself.

The most clever work of the performance was done by Mr. Louis Melton, as Ivan Wadd. Mr. Craig Schofield Mitchell is De Long Green. Mr. John C. Bartie is Mrs. Justin Lavender. Mr. William Miller as Robinson Crusoe, and Mr. Fredrick R. Forster as Friday. The travesty in this season's production was one on Belasco's "Du Barry," and it proved immensely amusing, even to those who had not seen the play.

The large audience seemed to thoroughly enjoy it.

**SUDDEN DROP**  
May Wheat Declined 1-2 Cents, but Rallied Quickly.

(By Associated Press.)  
CHICAGO, ILL., April 21.—An attempt in the part of the Armour interests to unload May wheat to-day resulted in a decline of 1-2 cents within less than an hour. At the first indication that the leading long was endeavoring to dispose of some of his surplus stock selling orders came into the pit from all quarters. The price dropped so suddenly that many brokers were unable to execute stop loss orders until the price had declined one and two cents below the point at which they had orders to sell. The recovery was equally rapid, however, the price advancing from 75 1/2 to 77 in about two minutes and the market steadied around 77 1/2 cents. The sudden drop prevented the Armour brokers from selling any considerable quantity.

**RETURN TO WORK**  
The Board of Conciliation to Settle the Differences.

(By Associated Press.)  
WILKESBARRE, PA., April 21.—The executive boards of the three anthracite districts of the United Mine Workers of America, in convention here, issued instructions to-day that all mine workers now on strike be look-out to work immediately, pending an adjustment of all differences by the board of conciliation provided for by the Anthracite Coal Strike Commission.

President D. T. D. Nicholls, of the district, W. H. Dettory, of Hazleton, and John Fahy, of Shamokin, were selected as the miners' representatives on the board of conciliation.

**POLICY-SHOP MAN**  
SENT TO SING SING

(By Associated Press.)  
NEW YORK, April 21.—Justice Scott in the Supreme Court to-day sentenced Albert J. Adams to not less than one year and not more than one year and nine months in Sing Sing prison and to pay a fine of \$1,000 for having paraded a sign for playing policy in his possession. Counsel for Adams asked for a certificate of reasonable doubt, a stay of execution and that bail be fixed to permit of an appeal. Pending a decision by the court Adams was sent to the Tombs prison.

**KING EDWARD IS**  
NOT IN BAD HEALTH

(By Associated Press.)  
LONDON, April 21.—The investigation of reports circulated in the United States by a news agency that as a result of the late of King Edward's health he had been ordered to take four days' rest at Naples before going to Rome, and that the programme for his Majesty's entertainment at Rome had been curtailed, shows them to be unfounded. The King left Milan in good health and there has been no change in the plans of his Rome programme.

**BATTLESHIP IOWA**  
IS UNDER A HOODOO

(By Associated Press.)  
PENSACOLA, FLA., April 21.—The battleship Iowa, which left Monday to complete her target practice in the Gulf, was towed to-night, totally disabled by her

steam pipe bursting and tearing away the steering gear.

The accident happened at 5:30 o'clock this morning, and the government tug was immediately sent to the ship's relief. The extent of the damage is considerable, and it will require ten days or more to make repairs. The vessel is now lying at the navy yard.

**ASK FOR IMPEACHMENT**  
OF GENERAL REYES

(The Associated Press.)  
MEXICO CITY, April 21.—The opponents of General Bernardo Reyes, Governor of the State of Nuevo Leon, have presented a petition to the Congress asking for his impeachment by the Federal authorities. The charges against the governor are based on an alleged violation of the constitutional guarantee, especially in regard to the electoral law, which was passed at Monterrey April 23.

The petition is signed by about 150 prominent people, mostly newspaper men and lawyers. The charges are being investigated by the Federal authorities.

**ONE SENATOR WANTS**  
TO HELP INVESTIGATION

(The Associated Press.)  
WASHINGTON, April 21.—Senator-General Payne to-day in discussing reports of attempts to interfere with the investigation of affairs of the Postoffice Department said that there had been only one member of either house of Congress who had shown to him any particular interest in the investigation. This was a senator from whom he had been given an opportunity to be heard.

**MR. DUKE'S SERVANTS**  
GIVING HIM TROUBLE

(By Associated Press.)  
SOMERVILLE, N. J., April 21.—Two hundred Hungarians and Poles who are on a strike from work on the estate of James B. Duke, president of the American Tobacco Company, and the bridge from Barton to the Duke estate to-day, and with drawn revolvers prevented teamsters from going to the Duke estate. The strikers demand an increase of wages from \$1.25 to \$1.50 a day. Mr. Duke says he will not grant it. The strikers are alleged to have destroyed many trees and shrubbery on the estate.

**REFORM JUDGES ARE**  
BEING TERRORIZED

(By Associated Press.)  
SALONICA, EUROPEAN TURKEY, April 21.—A band of about 600 insurgents, partly in Bulgarian uniform, was defeated by a Turkish force near Radovitz April 19th. Thirty insurgents and nine Turks were killed.

The Turkish Asiatic Minor, division, numbering sixteen battalions, has been called out for active service in Macedonia and Albania.

The new judges appointed under the reform scheme of the powers are being terrorized by the Albanians. Two of the judges were shot with revolvers in the streets of Scutari. One of them was killed.

**PRESIDENT'S TRAIN**  
DUG OUT OF THE SNOW

(By Associated Press.)  
BERLIN, April 21.—The train on which the President of the Reichstag, Count von Helldorf, was traveling was dug out of the snow in Silesia in time for him to reach Berlin and open the Reichstag today.

The general election will not occur for seven weeks, but so little remains to be done that the election probably will adjourn early in May.

Most of the session to-day was devoted to a discussion of the proposed changes in the election regulations which have been submitted to the Bundesrat, and which are designed to provide greater secrecy in balloting. The bill was passed.

**Was Beaten to Death.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
BAINBRIDGE, GA., April 21.—Last night at a noisy hour, Rainey, a Negro, was taken away from Constable Bell by a mob and so badly beaten that he died. The constable was on the way to this place with Rainey to place him in jail to await trial on a charge of arson.

Van Halstetter, who was traveling with Rainey, was traveling with Rainey, a farmer, thirteen miles in the country, in the night time, when the family were asleep in the house. Near the town a mob overtook the deputy and the prisoner and dived the latter under pain of death. Rainey was terribly beaten and his skull was fractured. After the beating he was carried to jail, where he died this morning.

**President Incommunicado**  
(By Associated Press.)  
CINCINNATI, MON., April 21.—Secretary Loeb received no word from the President to-day. Mr. Roosevelt will complete his tour of the park to-morrow, and will come to the post, where Secretary Loeb will join him. The remainder of the party will go in Thursday morning.

**Killed His Brother's Wife.**  
(By Associated Press.)  
COLUMBUS, ARK., April 21.—Daniel Dove, a prosperous farmer of this locality, to-day shot and killed Mrs. Zan Dove, the wife of his brother. Immediately afterwards he rode to his home and killed himself. It is thought that a difficulty over a land matter between Dove and his brother caused the killing of the woman.

**JOSEPH JEFFERSON**  
IN RIP VAN WINKLE

Great Actor to Appear at the Academy of Music Friday Week.

Manager Leath announces the annual engagement of Joseph Jefferson, the dean of the theatrical profession, who will appear at the Academy next Friday week in Rip Van Winkle. This will be the closing event of the Academy season, and already a large number of orders have been received at the box office. Mr. Jefferson is always sure of a hearty welcome each year that he comes here, and this is to be no exception to the rule.

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